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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Moshe Shloush et al.
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PROGRAMMABLE PROCESSOR
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AMENDMENT A


Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated February 9, 2005 and the Examiner Interview held on March 30, 2005. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication in the Office Action that Claims 18-28 are allowed, that the Information Disclosure Statements are in compliance, and that the drawings are accepted. Applicants further acknowledge, with thanks, the

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indication that Claims 2-5 and 9-17 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 3, 10, 11, 14 and 16 have been rewritten as suggested as new Claims 29-33.

By this amendment, Claims 1, 4-5, 9, 14-18, 23, 25 and 28 are amended to address the informalities noted in section 3 of the Office Action. In addition, Claims 8 and 9 are voluntarily amended to obviate a potential antecedent basis rejection with regard to "the oscillating processor signal." Claim 1 is voluntarily amended to distinguish it from the cited reference. Claim 6 has been canceled since the subject matter of this claim has been incorporated into Claim 1. With the cancellation of Claim 6, Claims 7 and 8 are amended to properly depend from Claim 1. New Claims 29-33 are added. Accordingly, Claims 1-5 and 7-33 are pending in the case. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims not currently allowed is respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.